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SUV crushes mother, three children, one other in Bayelsa

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YENAGOA—Five persons, including a woman and her three children, were reportedly killed in an accident along Bayelsa State stretch of the newly-dualised East-West Road.

The accident, which occurred on Saturday at about 3.40p.m. along Adagbabiri axis of the East-West Road in Sagbama Local Government Area of the state, threw traders in the area into mourning.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased, identified as Ruth, and her children, Favour (female), aged nine, Godgift (boy), aged five, and Oghenerho (a baby), died when the driver of a Toyota Highlander SUV, identified as Meeting Okpekpe Mayor, reportedly lost control of the car and crashed into their kiosk by the road side.

A female passenger in the car also died, while driver and one of the deceased woman's daughters are in critical condition at Delta State University Teaching Hospital, Oghara.

The woman, like several others, have kiosks by the road side where they sell food stuffs such as smoked fish, shrimps, crayfish, palm oil and palm wine to commuters.

An eyewitness said: "The woman was having lunch with her children when the SUV rammed into their kiosk and crushed them. The woman and her three children have been confirmed dead, while one is still hanging onto life."

The remains of the deceased had since been deposited at the morgue of Ughelli General Hospital in neighbouring Delta State. Spokesman of Bayelsa State Police Command, Asinim Butswat, while confirming the development, said the SUV's number plates were marked YEN 726 RG.

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